GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of the bribe against Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar, Formerly Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District- Trapped on 05.08.2011 – Sanction for Prosecution – Accorded – Regarding.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I(i)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 96 Date:01.03.2014 Read the following:

ORDER:

- 1. WHEREAS, Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar, S/o. Narasinga Rao worked as Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District from 16.6.2008 to 5.8.2011 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
- AND WHEREAS, Sri Pilli Raj Kumar, S/o Emmanuel is a resident 2. of Pathebadh, Eluru, West Godavari District lodged a report with the DSP, ACB stating that Smt.Pilli Emilli Roy, the mother of Sri Pilli Raj Kumar is having a vacant site in an extent of 678.60 Sq.Yrds at Pathebadh, 30th Division, Municipal Corporation, Eluru. With an intention to construct an apartment in the above site Sri Pilli Raj Kumar submitted an application in the office of the Municipal Corporation, Eluru on 4.7.2011 along with the required documents, met Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar and requested him for early disposal. As per the instructions of Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar, he again met him after one week, who informed him that he verified the same and found everything correct and demanded Rs.40,000/- bribe for getting the technical remarks passed, for forwarding the same to the Deputy Director (Town & Country Planning) through the Municipal Commissioner, Eluru for technical approval and for approval of Building Plan by the Municipal Commissioner, Eluru. When Sri Pilli Raj Kumar expressed his inability to pay the bribe of Rs.40,000/- Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar reduced the same to Rs.30,000/- and stated that he would get the application forwarded by the Municipal Commissioner and introduce Sri Pilli Raj Kumar to Smt. Nalla Narasamma failing which he would keep the work pending with some or the other reason. Having no other alternative Sri Pilli Raj Kumar accepted the same. Subsequently on 2.8.2011 Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar talked to Sri Pilli Raj Kumar over phone and informed him that the covering letter of

the Municipal Commissioner, Eluru for forwarding Building Plan Proposal to Smt. Nalla Narasamma is ready and asked Sri Pilli raj Kumar to come to the Municipal Office, Eluru to take the file in order to hand over the same to Smt. Nalla Narasamma. He further informed that he is leaving to Rajahmundry in order to discuss with Smt. Nalla Narasamma regarding another file and introduce Sri Pilli Raj Kumar, to Smt. N.Narsamma, if he comes to Rajahmundry. Accordingly, when Sri Pilli raj Kumar met Sri

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Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar, he got the Building Plan Proposal along with covering letter from the concerned clerk and handed over to Sri Pilli Raj Kumar. Having received the same Sri Pilli Raj Kumar left to Smt. Nalla Narasamma office, Rajahmundry and by that time Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar also came there. Then Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar introduced Sri Pilli Raj Kumar to Smt. Nalla Narasamma. Sri Pilli Raj Kumar handed over the Building Plan Proposal file to Smt. Nalla Narasamma, who put her initial. When Sri Pilli Raj Kumar requested Smt. Nalla Narasamma for early disposal of file since the Building Plan approval is required for approval of bank loan, she verified the file and informed that she would come for field verification if necessary and for which it would take a long time. When Sri Pilli Raj Kumar informed that he has no objection if Smt. Nalla Narasamma inspect the filed since everything is proper and requested for early disposal, she demanded Rs. 60,000/- for technical approval of the building plan proposal and threatened Sri Pilli Raj Kumar stating that she would return the file passing one or the other adverse remarks if the bribe amount is not paid. When Sri Pilli Raj Kumar expressed his inability to pay such huge amount, she reduced the same to Rs.50,000/- Sri Mahankali Ravi ram Kumar, who was presented during the above conversation stated to Sri Pilli raj Kumar that Smt. Nalla Narasamma demanded bribe reasonably and advised him to fulfill her demand. He also stated that he would get the technical approval and building plan approval done if bribe of Rs.30,000/- is paid to him. Smt. Nalla Narasamma directed Sri Pilli Raj Kumar either to come along with Sri Mahankali ravi Ram Kumar to her house on Friday and pay the bribe amount to her or to Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar at some other place, which he would inform later.

- 3. Having no other option, Sri Pillu Raj Kumar accepted for the same and lodged report since he was not willing to pay the bribe amount to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Rajahmundry Range on 4.8.2011, who registered a case in Cr. No.05/RCT-RJY/2011 under section 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 after observing the procedural formalities and made arrangements for laying trap.
- 4. AND WHEREAS, having completed the pre trap proceedings on 05.08.2011, the trap party left to the residence of Smt. Nalla Narasamma, where Smt. Nalla Narasamma, formerly Regional Dy. Director (Town & Country Planning), Rajahmundry and Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar, formerly Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal

Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District were successfully trapped when they further demanded and accepted bribe amounts of Rs. 50,000/- & Rs. 30,000/-, respectively from Sri Pilli Raj Kumar.

5. When the fingers of both the hands of Smt. Nalla Narasamma subjected to chemical test, the solution in which her right hand fingers alone yielded positive result. In pursuance of the information given by Smt. Nalla Narasamma, Rs. 50,000/- was recovered from the back side of Sai Baba Photo placed in the cupboard. On verification the serial nos. of the recovered currency notes were found to tally with that of the currency notes produced by Sri Pilli Raj

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Kumar during pre-trap proceedings. The Chemical test conducted on the upper wooden portion of the cupboard, where the envelop containing tainted amount was recovered, yielded positive result.

- 6. When the fingers of both the hands of Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar subjected to chemical test they yielded positive result. In pursuance of the information given by Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar Rs. 30,000/- was recovered from his right side pant pocket. On verification the serial nos. of the recovered currency notes were found to tally with that of the currency notes produced by Sri Pilli Raj Kumar during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on the inner linings of the right side pant pocket of Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar also yielded positive result.
- 7. The tainted amount along with two envelopes, Pant of Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar, resultant solutions and the remaining Sodium Carbonate Powder and the relevant records were seized and the material witnesses were examined.
- 8. AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar formerly Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13 (2) read with 13 (1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
- 9. AND WHEREAS, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to removes Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar formerly Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediators Namas I, II & III, Gist of statement of witnesses, copies of made up files, connected documents and explanation offered by Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar formerly Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.
- 10. NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Mahankali Ravi Ram Kumar formerly Town Planning Supervisor-1, Municipal Corporation, Eluru, West Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13(1)(d)

of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(Dr.S.K. JOSHI)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To The Director General, ACB, Hyderabad.